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SUBJ: UN COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING--FEBRUARY 25

1. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES STATEMENTS AT MEETING OF UN AD
HOC COMITE ON RESTRUCTURING ON FEB 25.

2. AFGHANISTAN. MOST INTERESTING POINTS WERE THAT
ECONOMIC AGENCIES SUCH AS UNCTAD SHOULD BE MORE "DECISION-
ORIENTED" AND A SEPARATE UNIT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO
DEAL WITH LANDLOCKED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. STATEMENT
ALSO WAS APPRECIATIVE OF EXPERTS' DIAGNOSIS OF PROBLEMS,
FAVORED A GRADUAL APPROACH TO RESTRUCTURING, AND SUPPORTED
SHORTER, MORE FOCUSED ECOSOC SESSIONS.

3. BYELORUSSIAN SSR. REPEATED USUAL EASTERN EUROPEAN
THEMES.

4. NIGERIA. COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF PRECISION IN
SECT-DRAFTED RECOMMENDATIONS AND ABSENCE OF A FACTURAL
SUMMARY OF EXPERTS' REPORT. ECOSOC IS UNABLE TO GRAPPLE
WITH CENTRAL ISSUES, SHOULD HAVE HIGHER LEVEL REPRESENTATION,
AND FEWER SUBSIDIARY BODIES WHICH COULD BE MULTI-SECTORAL
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AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY.

5. DEPT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS (ESA). USYG VAN LAETHAM NOTED THE MASSIVE AND SUDDEN GROWTH OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY IS INVOLVED AND THE CHANGING NATURE OF THESE RESPONSIBILITIES. HE WENT ON TO INDICATE THE MEANS BEING TAKEN BY ESA TO COPE WITH THESE GROWING AND CHANGING RESPONSIBILITIES.

6. NEW ZEALAND. NOTED THE WIDE RECOGNITION IN THE COMITE OF THE NEED FOR PRACTICALITY AND CONSENSUS IN THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE. FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EXPERTS REPORT WOULD BE IDEAL BUT IS UNLIKELY. NEW ZEALAND SUPPORTS THE CHAIRMAN'S LIST OF PRIORITY PROBLEM AREAS: THE ROLE OF ECOSOC; THE ROLE OF THE SECT; THE CONSOLIDATION OF OPERATIONS FUNDS; AND INTERAGENCY COOPERATION. THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PREPARE FOR THE JUNE SESSION OF THE COMITE FOR DRAFT GA RESES CALLING FOR ECOSOC AND APPROPRIATE SECT VIEWS REGARDING EACH OF THE FOUR PRIORITY PROBLEM AREAS.

7. INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION. OF RELEVANCE TO RESTRUCTURING, DEPUTY SYG BUTLER URGED THAT THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR THE PREPARATION OF COSTLY COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT PLANS SHOULD NOT BE OVERLOOKED. WITHOUT MENTIONING THE COMMON REGISTER OF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, HE SUGGESTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INFORMATION SYSTEM COVERING ALL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES (NATIONAL, UN, AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL) WHICH WOULD EMPHASIZE THE ROLE OF THE UN AS THE FOCAL POINT IN THE GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT. HE NOTED THE NECESSITY OF AN ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WAS GIVEN INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION BY THE EXPERTS. BENNETT

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